

### REMARKS

In the office action Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 1-10 and 21-26 have been allowed; Claims 12 and 14-20 have been objected to; Claims 12 and 14 have been amended; and Claims 11 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants believe that the anticipation rejection has been overcome for the reasons that forth below.

At the outset, Claims 11 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as discussed above. Therefore, the anticipation rejection has been rendered moot and thus should be withdrawn in view of same. Applicants note for the record that they reserve the right to file a continuation application to further the examination of the subject matter provided in the present application including the subject matter directed to Claims 11 and 13.

Further, Claims 12 and 14-20 have been objected to as also discussed above. However, the subject matter as defined therein would be allowable if rewritten in independent form as indicated by the Patent Office on pages 2-4 of the Office Action. As previously discussed Claims 12 and 14 have been amended and as such have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 15-20 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 14. Thus, these claims should be rendered allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration as same.

Respectfully submitted,

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